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were not inclined to do so, but suggested that it would be more appropriate if an Act were passed by the Legislature authorizing such investments by suitably amending section 20 of the Trust Act. The Government of India were addressed by the local Government for this purpose and they said that the condition precedent for making debentures as trustee securities was that the interest on the debentures should be guaranteed until the capital was paid off or redeemed. Agreeably to their wishes, the Government propose to guarantee interest until they are paid off or redeemed by the bank. I therefore commend this resolution for the acceptance of the House."

The hon. Diwan Bahadur B. MUNISWAMI NAYUDU :—"I second it."

* Mr. M. A. MUTHIAH CHETTIYAR :—"The Central Land Mortgage Bank was started to finance the primary land mortgage banks throughout the Presidency. The primary land mortgage banks have found it difficult to attract capital from local areas. The Central Land Mortgage Bank can do its work efficiently only if it has sufficient funds. Up to now the bank has not been able to get subscribers for its debentures because the interest on these debentures is not guaranteed by the Government. The Government of India have not declared these debentures as trustee securities. It is only right that the local Government should come forward to give the guarantee asked for. It would have been much better if the hon. the Minister had brought forward a proposal to guarantee the principal and interest of these debentures. But the hon. the Minister fearing that Government may not undertake such a guarantee, has brought forward this modest proposal. As the present money market conditions stand, investors will not be tempted to invest their moneys in debentures which are not guaranteed when they can find better investments. These debentures will not become negotiable, even if this resolution is passed inasmuch as the amount of debenturing is not guaranteed. It would go some way to attract subscribers if the interest at least is guaranteed. Even then these debentures may not attract bankers because they may like their money to be kept in a fluid form, but they may attract some investors who would like to have at least 6 per cent interest guaranteed. The Central Land Mortgage Bank is the heart of the co-operative movement and by helping such a bank by guaranteeing interest on its debentures, we will help the primary banks throughout the Presidency to carry on their work efficiently. I think the proposal is modest and is in the right direction and I trust it will commend itself to the hon. Members of this House."

The resolution was put and carried.

XVIII.—A BILL FOR THE CONTROL OF TRAFFIC IN GOVERNMENT ROADS.

* The hon. Mr. P. T. RAJAN :—"Mr. President, Sir, with your permission, I beg to introduce a [a] Bill (Bill No. 11 of 1930) for the control

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of traffic in Government roads and move that the Bill be taken into consideration. The object of the Bill is as follows:—

'The Tellicherry-Coorg road is maintained by the Public Works Department and the Calicut-Mysore road has been excluded from the operation of the Madras Local Boards Act and consequently the traffic by-laws of the Malabar District Board which were approved in G.O. No. 4756, L. & M., dated 1st December 1928, did not apply to these roads.'

"The Bill is intended to confer the same powers of control over traffic on such roads as the Madras District Municipalities and Local Boards Act confer. With these few words I move that the Bill be taken into consideration."

The hon. Diwan Bahadur B. MUNISWAMI NAYUDU:—"I second it."

Rao Bahadur C. S. RATNASABHAPATI MUDALIYAR:—"The Bill as it stands contains only four sections. When they are brought into effect, I am afraid that some of the provisions contained in this Bill will come into conflict with the existing provisions of the Local Boards Act. For this reason I move that the Bill be referred to a Select Committee consisting of the following Members:—

1. The hon. the Minister for Public Works.
2. The hon. the Minister for Local Self Government.
3. The hon. the Advocate-General.
4. Dr. P. Subbarayan.
5. Mr. A. Ranganatha Mudaliyar.
6. ,, F. E. James.
7. ,, M. A. Muthiah Chettiyar.
8. Diwan Bahadur M. Gopalaswami Mudaliyar.
9. Rao Bahadur G. Jagannadha Raju.
10. Mr. Daniel Thomas.
11. Rao Bahadur R. K. Venugopal Nayudu.
12. Subadar-Major S. A. Nanjappa Bahadur.
13. Rao Bahadur C. S. Ratnasabhapati Mudaliyar.
14. Mr. W. P. A. Soundara Pandian."

Mr. K. P. RAMAN MENON seconded the motion.

The hon. Mr. P. T. RAJAN:—"I have no objection in accepting the amendment."

The amendment was put and carried and the Bill was referred to the Select Committee composed as above.

XIX.—A BILL TO AMEND CERTAIN ENACTMENTS RELATING TO THE ANDHRA UNIVERSITY.

The hon. Diwan Bahadur S. KUMARASWAMI REDDIYAR:—"I beg to introduce a Bill [a] to amend certain enactments relating to the Andhra University (Bill No. 12 of 1930) which have been set out in the schedule and move that the Bill be taken into consideration at once.".

The hon. Mr. P. T. RAJAN:—"I second it."

The motion was put and carried.

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